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KIBITZ — The KOB KIBITZ Project is an effort for the development of a stay-behind net in Germany. Essentially it is a program of recruiting, training and organising independent teams who will provide us with behind-the-lines communications during any crisis which will deny us normal access to this area.

In addition, the project is providing for accessory post-hostility needs such as aerial drop zones (with reception committees) and border crossing routes.

PERSONNEL - The present organization consists of some 45 selectively recruited agents. Primary targets for recruitment have been men of communications background or aptitude, while other positions of physical support of the radio operator, intelligence gathering, reporting, and executive positions are also being filled.

Built around the radio operator (or a particularly competent agent with a radio operator assigned to him) these men are being organised into teams which will be able to give behind-the-lines performance independent of other support.

None of these agents are on contract salary basis. However, we do make some gratuitous payments in lieu of salary to compensate men for special organisational or training assignments which require their absence from their regular employment.

TRAINING - Training agents to the full accomplishments necessary to stay-behind radio operators is of course the essence of setting up a stay-behind organization. Such training requires several months of intense schooling made difficult by the problem of recruits to securely absent

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themselves from employment and family. However, we are working on a program of seven training sites to be located in each of the principal cities within practicable access to trainees for after hour evening and week-end training sessions.

At present we have nine agents in various stages of training from beginners practicing with instructographs to men already working on field problems in which they go out at night and recover cached equipment and actually send and receive communications with regular signal plans.

We do not have the personnel to set up other needed agent training such as OB, map reading, reporting, etc.

CACHES of stay-behind agent needs such as radio equipment, weapons and operational funds had until the present consisted of packaging and burying in underground caches accessible to intended agent deployment. However, recent test recoveries of three such caches has given us pause to reconsider this practice, both for reasons of radio equipment being rendered inoperable by corrosion and also the risk of digging up the caches and transporting them to the operations site.

Though new techniques are being developed for underground burials, it will require a year or more of test to prove any type of packaging. Considering the unalterable risk of digging up and transporting the equipment, we are looking toward above ground caches in buildings which can also serve as the agents' immediate operations base as well.

DROP ZONES for the reception of additional or replacement personnel and resupply are essential to a stay-behind organization. We have to date three

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drop areas more or less under agent control - one in eastern, one in central, and one in northern Germany.

Development of drop zones consist of aerial surveys and photographs for recognition purposes, reception committees, safe houses and storage places immediate to the drop area.

We have just received Washington approval for the development of the first of these projects which is to consist of a garden house (on the side of a large meadow) prepared to conceal supplies as well as radio equipment which will be necessary for communications in arranging for aerial operations.

BORDER CROSSING ROUTES --- Previous experience in countries overrun by hostile governments has shown the urgent need for planned routes with intermediate safe houses for the evacuation of key personnel who might be caught in any break-through. Further, border crossing routes are essential for smuggling in re-supplies or personnel in numbers or nature not practicable for aerial drops.

In this area of development we are concentrating on the Swiss border and the North Sea coast. Of the Swiss border, a recent agent survey of the mountain passes and local inhabitants in the Western tip of the Austrian Tyrol has produced a route requiring but two days' travel with a hospitable half-way rest house. A staff member is scheduled for 25 June to make test coverage of the route and to conclude the recruitment of recommended guides and the safe house personnel.

Other Swiss border efforts will of course consider the Bodensee itself.

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Of the North Sea area, we are readying to move the estranged wife of a former agent to the island of Wangerooge after which we will further the development there.

IDENTITIES - As a prerequisite to the longevity of any stay-behind agent, he must, as far as practicable, be fully prepared with a fully documented alternate identity to which he could safely retire in the event of denunciation or any other danger from the police. In addition to false identity papers, the identity must include a living history of police registry, record of domicile, etc.

While few agents are free of employment and family obligations to engage in such a dual existence for this indefinite period, we have as a starter a chief agent (marked for evacuation) who so far has been capable of penetrating housing and police safeguards in order to establish several false identities simultaneously which can later be passed on to other agents who need make only one notional move from one city to another to be reasonably safe in his new existence.

Until the present we have not been able to get together with our Technical Aids people for adequate documentation support.

TACTICAL PLANNING - We have probably for too long thought that direction would be coming from higher headquarters (Wash or EUCOM) with regard to plans for mounting the stay-behind organization.

However, as we come to realize that we are on our own we find it not too serious - the field is so great and the targets so many that we can hardly miss no matter what coverage we are able to give with the personnel at our disposal.

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Proceeding on our own initiative then, we have one plan already approved by Washington, and a second ready to submit for approval.

STAFF PERSONNEL - This project was developed by □ □, who has two assistants, □ □ and □ □ □.

BUDGET ESTIMATES - Budget estimates for the next quarter are tentatively set for DM 26,000.

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